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SUBJECT: CONFUSION ABOUT SWEDISH FISHING RIGHTS IN NORTH SEA

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- 1. PRESS ON JANUARY 7 NOTES CONFUSION IN INTERPRETATION OF THE EC'S EXTENSION OF FISHING RIGHTS TO 200 MILE LIMIT. REPORT STATES THAT EC MINISTERIAL DECISION ON DECEMBER 20 FIXED QUOTAS FOR EC ZONE, EXCEPT FOR HERRING. SWEDES UNCERTAIN HOW TO INTERPRET DECISION SOUGHT VAINLY FROM BRUSSELS FOR CLARIFICATION THEN TURNED TO DANISH EC REPRESENTATIVE. LATTER REPORTEDLY REPLIED THAT THERE WAS NO OFFICIAL EC BAN ON HERRING FISHING IN JANUARY. SWEDISH FISHERIES BOARD THEREFORE GAVE GO-AHEAD TO SWEDISH TRAWLERS WISHING TO FISH HERRING IN TRADITIONAL NORTH SEA WATERS. TWO SWEDISH TRAWLERS ARE AT PRESENT OFF SHETLANDS.
- 2. ACCORDING TO SWEDISH NEWS AGENCY TT, EC COMMISSION SPOKESMEN NOW ASSERT THAT DANES MISUNDERSTOOD DECEMBER 20 DECISION AND THAT THERE IS BAN ON HERRING FISHING IN EC WATERS BY THIRD COUNTRIES, NORWAY AND SWEDEN INCLUDED.
- 3. COMMENTING ON THIS CONFUSION, HANS DANELIUS, HEAD OF LEGAL DIVISION OF SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTRY, IS QUOTED IN PRESS OF JANUARY 7 AS SAYING: "AS FAR AS WE KNOW, NO SUCH DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN. WE HAVE INFORMED THE COMMON MARKET THAT WE HAVE TWO VESSELS OFF THE SHETLANDS AND THAT WE HAVE INTERPRETED THEIR DECISION TO MEAN THAT HERRING FISHING IS ALLOWED FOR THE TIME BEING." DANELIUS CONFIRMED TO EMBASSY OFFICER ON JANUARY 10 THAT SWEDISH TRAWLERS WERE FISHING FOR HERRING OFF SHETLAND ISLANDS AS RESULT OF GOS INTERPRETATION, FORWARDED IN WRITING, ON JANUARY 6 THAT EC DECISION DID NOT PRECLUDE IT. DANELIUS SAID UNCLASSIFIED

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EC STILL HAD NOT CONTRADICTED GOS INTERPRETATION. SMITH

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